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To The Honorable Michigan Supreme Court Justices:

Please do NOT consider the proposed amendment 2003-47 regarding petition for administrative order or court rule establishing inactive asbestos docketing system issued September 11, 2003 for the following reasons:

1. The proposed amendment is unconstitutional.
2. The asbestos companies manufactured asbestos containing products for many years and profited from it.
3. The asbestos companies knew that any exposure to the asbestos containing products that they manufactured was dangerous to the health of many innocent workers.
4. The workers have been diagnosed with a lung disease because of their exposure to the asbestos containing products manufactured by the asbestos companies.
5. The workers are either dying or have died due to their exposure to the asbestos containing products manufactured by the asbestos companies.
6. The workers have a constitutional right to file a lawsuit and to demand a jury trial.
7. The job of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan is to interpret the law only.

Please do not allow the asbestos companies to use the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan as a tool to avoid responsibilities for knowingly making asbestos containing products that have harmed so many innocent workers and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

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